A REVISIONIST HISTORY

OF THE 1960s SYNAGOGUE ARSONS:

- The Truth About Harry Bidney And
The 62 Group Laid Bare
Further Documentation On The Lies And Libels Of
"Searchlight" Head Honcho Gerry Gable

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Revised, Expanded And Updated

This short study is dedicated to Mike Whine and Neville Nagler, who, like Gerry Gable, are hated because they deserve to be hated, not because they are Jews. And to the Home Secretary, the Right Honourable Michael Howard MP, who obviously realises how the slime of Organised Jewry exploit their co-racialists in high places to destroy our freedoms, but is far too diplomatic to tell them to go to Hell.

Preamble

Gerry Gable, long time publisher and editor of the "anti-fascist" magazine *Searchlight*, is a real hero. Isn't he? So are the people he has worked with over the years, including, mostly, his fellow Jewish "anti-fascists". In 1984, one of his long time cronies departed this world for that big barmitzvah in the sky, at least, that's the impression the credulous reader would have got if he'd read Gable's glowing obituary of Harry Bidney in the September 1984 issue of his error-prone magazine. (1) Bidney was a former member of the 43 Group, a violent gang of mostly Jewish thugs who set about Oswald Mosley's post war Union Movement, attacking them physically, wrecking their meetings and generally raising hell. The 43 Group were neither the first nor the last such organised thugs to attack fascists and fellow travellers, and like their kind before and after, they got away with it, even won public endorsement, solely because they were Jewish and because it is believed, erroneously, that their *cure* is more palatable than the disease for which they profess to be the *only* cure.

In reality, organisations such as the 43 Group (and their members, "racial Jews" like Bidney), are one of the primary causes of anti-Semitism, the other being the machinations of Organised (Zionist) Jewry. The extreme right believe that the Jewish street thugs and demagogues - Gable is one of the latter - are part and parcel of a massive international Jewish conspiracy. Not without good reason, because this is the impression these "racial Jews" intentionally create. I propose here to demonstrate that as well as being a threat to the survival of Western man and his democratic institutions, these "racial Jews" - of which Bidney and Gable are the archetype - far from being friends and defenders of the Jewish people, are as much a parasite on their own race as they are a cancer on ours.

The stereotype of the Jew as a Machiavellian, all-powerful conspirator is blatantly false. The average Jew, far from being a schemer is in fact rather stupid. All it takes to make him to open his cheque book is a swastika daubed on a wall. And who is the cheque made out to?

'Trust me Solly, I'm a Jew too, I lost thirty-five members of my own family in the *Holocaust*. We must drive these 'Nazis' off the streets, that's the only way we can prevent *Holocaust II*. Anti-Semitism is smouldering under the surface, you know what these wicked *Aryans* are like, they scapegoat the Jews whenever there is a crisis. Please make your donation payable to *Searchlight* magazine.'

Hopefully, after reading this short study, Mr Cohen in Golders Green, Mr Rosenberg in Stamford Hill, and Mrs Finestein in Prestwich, will think twice before they reach for their cheque books, because they will realise that, rather than combating anti-Semitism, they have been inadvertently promoting this social evil, and fanning the fires of racial hatred and subversion.

Liars Ought To Have Good Memories

Gerry Gable is an arch-liar and shit stirrer; we know Mr Gable is a liar rather than merely an incredibly sloppy researcher because he changes the lie to suit the occasion. In his eulogy for Harry Bidney he recalls how he first met him at an open air rally in London's Stamford Hill. The rally may not have actually taken place because as the Mosleyites prepared for it "they were rushed by a large group of men and women led by the *43 Group*." (2) Gable, then a feisty twelve year old, was told to go home by Bidney, who said he was too young to be out that time of night.

He claims to have met up with Bidney again only in the year of the Sharpeville massacre, (1960). Gable never misses a chance to take a dig at the wicked *Aryans* whom he so obviously despises. Imagine his reaction if a "fascist" were to claim he had only met up with an old friend in the year of Sabra and Shatila, or Deir Yassin. Two years later, Colin Jordan organised his "Free Britain From Jewish Control" rally in Trafalgar Square, and from that day on, we are told, Bidney fought tooth and claw against the fascist menace.

Gable recollects the founding of the 43 Group, not from memory of course as he was still too young to stand shoulder to shoulder with his co-racialists attacking fascists who had dared to exercise their right of free speech in a country for which some of them had fought in World War II, (3) and which others had tried to save from that fratricidal madness. The latter were interned for their troubles. (4)

From The 43 Group To The 62 Group

Violent as the 43 Group was, the 62 Group, which evolved out of it, was perhaps even more violent, and certainly proved to be more of an embarrassment than an asset to Organised Jewry in Britain. (5) In 1965, American researcher George Thayer wrote: "The primary aim of the 62 Group, indeed its only aim of any importance, is physically to crush the Fascists in Britain...Every member of the Group, whether he be one of its leaders or one of the rank-and-file Jewish toughs, lives for the day when he can personally crack the skull of a neo-Nazi or Fascist. They do not believe simply in striking back in self-defence; in most cases, when their blood is up they go looking for a fight...on one occasion they ransacked the home of a writer who was doing some research on atrocities in war-time Germany..." (6)

Thayer's reference to ransacking the home of a writer is a slight exaggeration; there were actually three men involved in this burglary artifice, ie they bluffed their way in. The writer in question was the then respectable if maverick historian David Irving, and one of his visitors was none other than Gerry Gable! (7) The 62 Group was actually known officially as the 1962 Committee, (8) and it was the organisation which led the violent attack on Jordan's ill-fated Trafalgar Square bash. This is as much background information as we need, although the current writer has not been able to find a great deal more. The pages of the *Jewish Chronicle* for the era report the activities of these thugs sparsely if at all. The Board of Deputies of British Jews, devoted as they are to destroying our precious freedoms, prefer to do so by legal, "democratic" means.

Who Was Harry Bidney?

According to Gable, Bidney was a dedicated anti-fascist who "had no time for party politics" and, "[a]lthough a strong supporter of the state of Israel...had friends amongst all races." Gable said also that Bidney became "a recruiter, controller and organiser of infiltrators into the nazi groups and a recruiter of dissident fascists." (9) However, he neglected to mention Bidney's other career. According to the National Front magazine *Vanguard*, Bidney had a criminal record going back to 1950 when he was convicted of selling black market ladies' stockings in Boston, Lincolnshire. (10) Not that there is anything dishonourable with this sort of "black market" activity, but Bidney's other "business" interests were less in the spirit of free enterprise and more in the realm of sleaze. They included running a café in one of London's red light districts, Soho, which became "one of the earliest centres of hard drug trafficking in London", and living off immoral earnings. (11)

Naturally Gable, who only lies whenever his lips move, ignored all this, and heaped praise on Bidney for tracking down a gang of synagogue arsonists. Bidney was also said to have helped capture a man who was wanted for an attempt on the life of President de Gaulle. This would-be assassin was said to have been hidden by Mosleyites. Naturally, Gable provides no documentation for this coup, the man is not named and may not have existed. This is not to say that this story is a pack of lies, but in view of Gable's well attested track record as a disinformation specialist and fantasist, we are justified in refusing to believe any of it until he provides documentary evidence. If it exists. However, a great deal of documentary evidence does exist concerning Gable's other claim about Bidney: "His greatest success came in the mid-60s with the arrest and conviction of 13 members of Colin Jordan's and John Tyndall's nazi groups for a series of synagogue arsons." Among those convicted was said to have been the wife of Colin Jordan. According to Gable, "Harry broke the gang by persuading one of its young members to give himself up to the police. At the Old Bailey the Judge at one of the three trials praised the work of Harry and his colleagues in stopping the arsonists..." (12)

One would expect synagogue arsons to have been reported in some depth in the normally wailing-and-gnashing-of-teeth *Jewish Chronicle*, so we have only to look up the dates in the *Times Index* then refer to the relevant issues of the organ of British Jewry. And indeed, they were reported there. First though, let us compare the claims Gable makes in his obituary for his pimp friend with the claims attributed to him three years later by the same *Jewish Chronicle*.

Gable Lies To The "Jewish Chronicle"

The far right in Britain have long realised that Gable is an arch-liar; to Organised Jewry though, and indeed to ordinary, decent Jewish men and women, he appears to be some sort of hero, or at least respectable. This may be because they think he only lies about "fascists" and would never in any case lie to them. Alas, it appears that the supposedly cunning, scheming Jews are just as dumb as the *goyim*, because Gable lies to them with impunity the same way he would lie to any dumb *goy* anti-fascist. Gable's interview was published in the *Jewish Chronicle* on October 23, 1987. (13)

After relating the story of his encounter with a Mosleyite schoolteacher, boasting about his arrest for burglary artifice at the home of David Irving, and other things, Gable claims - or it is claimed of him - that he personally tracked down the arsonists, whose campaign "had resulted in the death of a yeshiva student". In the Bidney obituary, Harry the pimp was said to have tracked down the gang, with his colleagues, "something the police had been completely unable to do for over a year." (14)

No details of the police investigation are given here, but his, ie Gable's, "investigation" was said to have resulted in thirteen convictions. Presumably this means that thirteen people were convicted in connection with setting the fires, and, don't forget, one of these fires killed a yeshiva student.

Gable is quoted thus: "I stood in the burnt-out shell of that yeshiva at four in the morning and made a private vow to get the people who'd done that".

Leaving aside the technical detail that a yeshiva is not a synagogue, this version of events differs drastically from the story he told his gullible - and mostly *goy* - readers in the Bidney obituary article. But what are the true facts of the 1960s synagogue arsons? Here they are, and the doubting reader can verify them for himself.

The Synagogue Arsons

According To The "Jewish Chronicle"

The *Jewish Chronicle* for March 19, 1965, page 1, reported that Brondesbury synagogue had been burned out. As it happens, this was the first and the worst of these particular synagogue arsons. One would have expected the first to have been the least professional and the damage to have grown progressively worse as the fire-raisers became more proficient, but such was not the case. In the first instance, arson was not by any means certain. The front page story was *Possibility of arson in synagogue fire* while page 16 reported *Synagogue fire mystery*. Leaving aside the perennial suspicion of anti-Semitism, synagogues are public buildings, and whenever a public building: church, warehouse, hotel, shop etc goes up in flames, there must always be a suspicion of arson. Especially if the building is unoccupied at the time. Damage at the synagogue was estimated provisionally at £120,000.

The following week the paper carried a brief report which left the reader none the wiser. (15) The *Jewish Chronicle* for April 30 reported that another synagogue had been burned out, this time in Liverpool. This was definitely arson, but was not related in any way to the London arsons which, 22 years later, Gable claimed personally to have solved. The burning out of the Greenbank synagogue in Liverpool was said *not* to have been the work of anti-Semites. (16) This may sound a curious thing to say, but it should be pointed out that, Nazis and anti-Semites aside, synagogue burning appears to have been quite a pastime in the 60s. Just as there are all manner of sick people who attempt to assassinate the President and other statesmen, send threatening letters to show business personalities, desecrate cemeteries, worship the Devil and so on, so there appears to be a certain type of person - not necessarily any sort of anti-Semite - who thinks it's a good idea to torch synagogues, (17) and other places of worship. There had also apparently been a fire at the Greenbank synagogue six years previously. (18)

A few interesting asides here. First, an article I found while researching a related subject. The *Vancouver Sun* for February 22, 1985, page A6, carried the following story: *Church arson not rare: all denominations suffering from attacks, statistics show*, by Rick Ouston. This included the claim that arson attacks on religious premises in British Columbia had caused nearly $6 million damage since 1980. There had been an average of 12 arson attacks a year, mostly on churches, but ordinary vandalism had also been a problem. In his tome *Tragedy And Hope*, (widely recommended by conspiracy buffs), Professor Quigley reports the curious and specifically Spanish practice of

church-burning. According to the learned professor, there were great outbursts of this "strange custom" in 1808, 1835, 1874, 1909, 1931, and 1936, by right wing extremists as well as by leftists. (19)

Finally, a recent TV report seen by the current writer (undated but cAugust 1994) reported that a Dover cemetery had been ransacked by vandals who had damaged some two hundred graves. Despicable as such practices are, they are no more "anti-Christian" than many attacks on synagogues are anti-Semitic. The unfortunate fact is that the world is full of sick people who have nothing better to do than make life unpleasant for others, including engaging in such distressing practices as burning places of worship and committing outrages against the dead.

Returning to 1965, the November 12 issue of the *Jewish Chronicle* that same year reported that a synagogue in Massachusetts, USA had been attacked for the second time in three weeks. (20) The following February, in Ireland, a 24 year old man was charged with burning down a Dublin synagogue. (21) It was reported that when William Clynes appeared at Dublin District Court charged with the arson he was found unfit to plead and committed to a mental hospital. (22) Finally, the November 19, 1965 issue of the organ of British Jewry reported that a 39 year old company director named Aubrey Desmond Cadogan was accused of setting fire to a London synagogue. (23)

The following week, it was reported that Cadogan was jailed for five years. As well as claiming to be of Jewish birth, he was caught in the act by a police officer and later picked out of a line-up. He also took his lover on the job with him, leaving her sitting in his car while he torched the building! Although he had most certainly read anti-Semitic literature, and was just as certainly influenced by it, Cadogan was no Nazi. He was said to have described Colin Jordan as a "great guy". Not "my glorious Führer" be it noted, but a "great guy". He was obviously a nutter, but instead of sending him to Broadmoor, the trial judge jailed him for five years. (24) He even had the audacity to appeal against his sentence, but was refused leave. (25)

Returning to the *Jewish Chronicle* for April 30, 1965, political or religious fanatics were said to have been blamed for the Brondesbury fire, and security was stepped up. There had been other damage to synagogues, and robberies as well as fires. (26) On June 11 it was reported that there had been attacks on two more London synagogues: Edmonton & Tottenham, and a hall in Bayswater. Two incendiary bombs had been used at the former, and one had been thrown through a window in the Bayswater attack. The latter was not discovered until the following morning. (27)

The *Jewish Chronicle* for July 9 (page 44) reported a fire at Maida Vale synagogue on the morning of the 8th had caused slight damage. The cause was unknown but "incendiarism" was not suspected. This appears to have been a misdiagnosis as Maida Vale was one the fires one of the gangs was charged with.

Arson or not, it seems that, in the sixties at any rate, synagogues had a marked propensity to burn down. The *Jewish Chronicle* for August 20, 1965, (page 15) reported that a fire had severely damaged an Orthodox synagogue in Vienna. This was said to have been caused by an electrical fault. Presumably the synagogue's elders were too busy plotting to corrupt the youth of the nation and take over the world to hire a decent electrician. One would have expected such arch-conspirators to have a better sense of priorities.

Returning to the domestic fires, in its July 30 issue, (page 11), the *Jewish Chronicle* reported an attempt to set fire to the Finchley Road synagogue. This was said to have involved two bottles of inflammable liquid and a telephone directory. This might best be described as a half-hearted attempt.

An interesting article appeared on the same page. *ANTISEMITIC OUTBREAKS IN SOUTH LONDON* reported a bomb scare at Brixton synagogue, threats to burn down Croydon synagogue, and threatening phone calls to the local rabbi. Anti-Jewish graffiti was plastered around Tooting, South West London, and the famous Norwood home for Jewish children was burgled - thieves stole silverware from the children's synagogue. This latter appears to have been an ordinary if particularly despicable burglary, but the other incidents have all the ingredients of copycat attacks. This is a well known phenomenon which relates not only to crime but to sightings of flying saucers and indeed anything out of the ordinary.

In August, the paper reported fires at two more London synagogues. At Clapton synagogue, a door had been set alight, while a proper job had been done at Ilford. Slogans had been daubed on the walls, such as "We shall free Britain from Jewish control", and in both cases the fire brigade had been called anonymously. (28) One thing which should be noted about these fires is that they were reported unhysterically and for the most part in small articles. The burning out of Brondesbury synagogue was obviously a major event, but there was no suggestion in the *Jewish Chronicle* that the smell of pogroms was in the air. This is totally out of character with Organised Jewry, who whine and wail at the slightest excuse or with the slightest provocation, so it suggests that whatever political connections were suspected, and in spite of the seriousness of these offences, ordinary Jews, and indeed Jewish leaders, didn't consider they were under siege by the international Nazi conspiracy which Mr Gable believes exists, but reasoned, correctly as it happens, that a bunch of head cases had simply taken it upon themselves to torch a few synagogues.

In November, it was reported that six young men were accused of an attack on the Lea Bridge Road synagogue, Clapton, North London. One of these was 19 year old Paul William Dukes. (29) On November 26, the *Jewish Chronicle* reported that an attempt had been made to implicate National Socialist Movement leader Colin Jordan in the arson conspiracy. By Dukes. (30) The significance of this will be revealed later. Although, doubtless, any claims about Mr Jordan were thoroughly investigated at the time, there was never any serious suggestion that he was in any way involved or that he had incited the fires.

When the current writer spoke to Mr Jordan in connection with these fires he said that he had always strongly disapproved of such behaviour, and that he regarded it as silly, (which was hardly the word I'd have used). (31) The damage to Clapton synagogue was put at £1,000, and to Ilford synagogue, £130. (32) Bearing in mind that £1,000 went a lot farther in 1965 than it does in 1994, this was still a far cry from *Holocaust II*, or even *Kristallnacht*.

On December 3, the *Jewish Chronicle* reported that all six men were sent for trial and that all six had pleaded not guilty and had reserved their defences. (33) Why Dukes pleaded not guilty is a mystery because he had confessed, but they were all remanded in custody - none was ever granted bail - and in February they appeared at the Central Criminal Court, (Old Bailey).

On February 9, 1966, it was reported that the appropriately named Malcolm Sparks, (34) Paul Dukes, and the four others appeared in court charged with setting two of the synagogue fires. Sparks, Hughes and Gordon pleaded not guilty; the other three pleaded guilty. (35) Three days later, Sparks appeared to have changed his plea. (36) The same week, the *Jewish Chronicle* reported the trial in an article *Nazi uniforms at Old Bailey trial: THREE PLEAD GUILTY TO ARSON*, (February 11, page 44). The six accused were listed as follows: Hugh Hughes, 27; Alex Gordon, 23; Malcolm Sparks, 19; (all three pleaded not guilty). Paul Dukes, Graham Chant and Colin Rainbird (all pleaded guilty). The ages of the latter three were not given but they were 19, 18 and 20 respectively. (37) An article on the same page, *Third man sought*, reported that two other men, 20 year old David Thorne and 23 year old Michael Trowbridge were remanded in connection with the Brondesbury and Bayswater fires. A third man was said to be abroad.

On February 16, the *Times* reported the sentencing of the first gang; the *Jewish Chronicle* in its February 18 issue naturally covered the story in greater depth. The *Times* reported that Hugh Hughes was jailed for five years and Dukes for a mere six months. Sparks got four years; the others were each jailed for three years. (38) The walls of the synagogues were said also to have been defaced. The judge said he was passing a deterrent sentence for the two fires at Ilford and Clapton. (39)

Dukes was said to have had previous convictions for larceny and possessing an offensive weapon. He had apparently confessed following "a talk with Mr. Harry Bidney, of the 62 Group." (40) As previously stated, Dukes tried to implicate the charismatic if sorely misguided Colin Jordan in the plot, but the police would have none of it.

So, the first gang was sent down, although there was more to come. One would have expected the Board of Deputies to have been extremely grateful that the gang had been tracked down, especially to Mr Harry Bidney and the 62 Group. Such was not the case, however, for the following week the *Jewish Chronicle* reported that the "defence committee's" Mr David Silk had said of the 62 Group, "Its members had in the past been described as hot-headed and irresponsible." (41) For this reason, the Board said it did not want the Group to be a part of its "defence" organisation. Councillor A. Super referred to occasions "when activities of the 62 Group had hindered rather than assisted the cause of Jewish defence." (42) The capture of the gang was said to have been the work of one individual. This claim was hotly denied by the 62 Group in the March 4 issue. (43)

This same article made the curious claim that the Board had turned down the services of the 62 Group "on cost grounds" after the Brondesbury fire. This it will be recalled was the only serious blaze; the final bill for repairs appears to have been about £80,000. (44) This raises several serious questions: in what connection did the 62 Group offer to sell its services to the Board of Deputies? To track down the perpetrators of the Brondesbury fire? To track down a gang of suspected arsonists who had more jobs planned? As the synagogue was completely burned out, why would the Board turn down a reasonable offer from a group which, allegedly, had extremely good intelligence on the operation of anti-Semitic and fascist groups operating in London and probably throughout the country? Perhaps the 62 Group's offer was not reasonable?

As stated, after the first serious fire the damage to synagogues was considerably less, at Bayswater it amounted to only £30. (45) It is difficult not to speculate here that the purpose of the first fire was to announce the arrival of the gang, while the subsequent fires were acts of psychological terror rather than of nemesis for the Jewish conspiracy or whatever. It is tempting also to speculate that the fires were in some way the work of Zionist *agents provocateurs*; certainly Zionist mischief-makers and hatemongers have been involved in such incidents. (46) One has only to ask who benefits? However, tempting as this speculation is, the known facts of this case reveal it as a

cut and dried case of anti-Jewish madness; there was indeed an *agent provocateur*, but her antecedents were impeccably anti-Zionist and anti-Semitic.

The February 25, 1966 *Jewish Chronicle* also reported that John Evans and Raymond Hemsworth were charged in relation to the fire at Bayswater synagogue, (47) while Michael Trowbridge and David Thorne were remanded in connection with the Brondesbury fire. Thorne was also charged in connection with the Bayswater incident. (48)

On March 4, 1966, the paper reported that (now) five men were remanded in custody in connection with the London arsons. (49) The April 8 edition reported that four men (including 17 year old Raymond Francis Hemsworth) were convicted of starting fires at seven synagogues. A fifth defendant, 19 year old Gordon Parker, was acquitted. The other three were 20 year old David Thorne, 23 year old Michael Trowbridge, and 24 year old John William Evans. Two of the men were said to have blamed Colin Jordan and Françoise Jordan for encouraging them, but they would say that, wouldn't they? Surprisingly, but probably in view of their young age, all four would be freed by Easter. (50) The *Jewish Chronicle* did not give the sentences but the judge was said, with justification, to have been lenient. In view of the destruction of Brondesbury synagogue, this was certainly the case.

The *Times* of two days earlier reported the story under the heading *'PENITENTS' TO BE SET FREE TOMORROW...*. Thorne, Trowbridge, Evans and Hemsworth were said to have made a total of seven arson attempts on synagogues. (51) After the sentences were announced, both Organised Jewry and the public were said to have been astonished at the judge's leniency. (52) When one considers that this was an organised gang, and that the maximum penalty for arson is life imprisonment, this is a reasonable point to make. Even though the first gang had received stiffer sentences.

Although the "penitent" arsonists were safely banged up, albeit temporarily, this didn't stop attacks on synagogues. A couple of weeks previously, a home-made bomb was said to have scorched the door of Borehamwood synagogue. (53) And another curious article on the subject of Jewish "self-defence" appeared in the *Jewish Chronicle*. The Chairman of the Board of Deputies, John Dight, very sensibly put the synagogue outrages down to a small number of crackpots, and condemned panic-mongers and those with political axes to grind, while another member, Mr Morris attacked militant groups, who he said were sincere but exaggerated their own achievements. He was clearly referring to the 62 Group and was just as clearly unhappy with them. (54)

The Role Of Françoise Dior/Jordan

The story of the synagogue arsons according to contemporary press reports does not end here. Although all the actual arsonists were caught, one major player remained at large. Françoise Dior, French heiress - the niece of Christian Dior - appears first to have heard about Colin Jordan when he held his ill-fated 1962 rally and to have been immediately impressed by him, although she was at one time engaged to current BNP Führer John Tyndall. Unlike the charismatic CJ, who has always been an ideological anti-Semite, Françoise Dior was an out and out Jew-hater who said that she would like to see synagogues burnt by an Act of Parliament! (55) After becoming engaged to Jordan 14,000 feet above the English Channel, she married him in a bizarre ceremony in October 1963. (56) Three months later she was to tell the *Daily Mirror*, "I thought I was marrying a hero...Instead I found I had married a middle-class nobody who wanted only to live in a house in the country." (57)

Mrs Jordan fled the country for her native France while wanted for questioning in connection with the London arsons. (58) She took her paramour with her, a certain Mr Cooper. Cooper, another member of the National Socialist Movement, was expelled from the party, as was Mrs Jordan. (59) When she returned, she was arrested and remanded in custody. She was charged with conspiracy to set fire to synagogues. A charge of incitement was later withdrawn. (60) By this time she and Colin had long since separated. Mr Jordan obtained a decree nisi on October 27, 1967. (61) His then wife's arrest was reported in the *Jewish Chronicle* the previous August when she was said to have conspired with and incited Evans and Thorn [sic]. (62) Two weeks later the paper reported that an arson attempt was made on a Brighton synagogue. The second in three days! (63)

Françoise Jordan pleaded not guilty but was convicted on Wednesday 17th January and sentenced to 18 months imprisonment for conspiring to set fire to synagogues. (64) She left the dock with a Nazi salute and a cry of "Heil Hitler!" (65) Seven synagogues were referred to: Bayswater, Borehamwood, Brondesbury, Ilford, Leytonstone, Maida Vale and Stanmore. When Thorne and Evans turned up at Stanmore synagogue a dance was in progress,

so they decided not to burn it down after all. (66) The jury were unable to agree on her complicity in this instance so the charge was left on file. (67) Four of the young men she had obviously seduced (68) were called to give evidence against her: Thorne, Evans, Hemsworth and Rainbird. (69) As the first three were convicted in the second trial, and Rainbird in the first, it seems reasonable to postulate that the hateful Mrs Jordan was the driving force behind the synagogue arsons. A reading of the press reports leaves one with the impression that she incited these young men rather than conspired with them, but that is a technicality not worth quibbling over. This then is the complete and factually accurate story of the 1960s synagogue arsons, now let us just mention one more case of arson before we examine the alleged role of Harry Bidney, and take another look at the lies of Gerry Gable.

Short Story

The July 1982 issue of *Searchlight* ran a story on alleged Nazi Satanist, Joe Short. Short was said to have been a student in the late sixties and to have attended a Colin Jordan meeting in or around Sheffield at this time. At an unspecified time after this meeting, he and some others "attempted to burn down a local synagogue". (70) No further details are given, except that Short, probably on account of his youth, got away with a suspended sentence. If half the things *Searchlight* claims about Short are true - and they may not be - he is a pretty weird character. He was not a member of Colin Jordan's British Movement at the time, although subsequently he appears to have been in just about every far right group going, along with Eddie Morrison. I met Eddie Morrison once when I lived in Leeds, he was a plausible enough character, but then so was Ray Hill! If Short is anything like Morrison, then he is a "card collector" rather than any sort of professional anti-Semite, although he may genuinely hate Jews as well.

Whatever the truth about Short, the fact that he once attended a Colin Jordan meeting hardly makes Jordan or Jordan's Nazi ideology responsible for any of his subsequent brushes with the law. And in this connection it is as well to bear in mind that a member of the *Searchlight* team was once accused of conspiring to assault and rob the staff of an Indian restaurant, (71) another boasted that he had once desecrated a synagogue, (72) and a third was actually convicted of arson, albeit on a print works. (73)

Harry Bidney: Hero Or Lowlife?

As previously stated, in his glowing obituary of this sordid pimp and thug, Gerry Gable claims that the trial judge at one of the three trials "praised the work of Harry and his colleagues". The February 1966 trial made the front page of the local press, the *Hackney Gazette*, (74) but the report was entirely unsensational, and contained no mention of Bidney. Nor did any issue of the *Times* or the *Jewish Chronicle* report any judge, court official or police officer praising Bidney, or anyone else for that matter. However, we will not accuse Mr Gable of lying. On this occasion. We will simply state that in view of his proven track record as a liar, fantasist and shit stirrer that we are not prepared to take his word on this matter unless and until he is able to produce corroborating evidence from an untainted source. The trial transcript in question, perhaps.

Gable's reference to "Harry and his colleagues [their role] in stopping the arsonists" is not borne out by either the claims of the Board of Deputies or the tone of the *Jewish Chronicle* articles. This is strange to say the least. Anyone who has ever read the *Jewish Chronicle*, or indeed any Jewish publication, will find an abundance of testimony to the roles played by Jews in the media, the arts, science...you name it, and, like a proud Jewish mother, the achievements of the latest rising stars will be trumpeted. Yet all we find here is that Dukes confessed following "a talk with Mr. Harry Bidney, of the 62 Group." (75) This "talk" led to the arrest of the first six defendants, and even then the Board of Deputies were grudging in their praise, insisting that this was the work of one man and one man alone.

According to Gable, Bidney cracked the gang after the police had been totally unable to make any headway with their enquiries for over a year. Yet the first synagogue fire, Brondesbury, was set in mid-March 1965, and the first arrests were reported at the beginning of November, less than eight months later. (76) The officer in charge of the case, Detective Inspector Wickstead, (77) told the court that Dukes had confessed three months after the fires because the matter had been "burdening his conscience". (78) This clearly refers to the August attacks on Clapton

and Ilford; Dukes was not implicated in the only major fire, Brondesbury. So, by this account, Bidney's "detective work" is even less impressive, especially if Dukes sought him out.

The claim that the police were totally unable to make any headway - ie incompetent - does not have the ring of truth. Slogans were daubed on the walls of Clapton and Ilford synagogues, including "We shall free Britain from Jewish control". (79) That phrase is instantly recognisable as being inspired by Colin Jordan; "Free Britain from Jewish control" was of course the slogan of his July 1962 Trafalgar Square rally. It is inconceivable that the team investigating the arsons were not aware of this, or were not made aware of it almost immediately by Jews, other police officers, the press or members of the general public.

There is though one very big problem with Bidney's alleged role here, as anyone familiar with the modus operandi of Jewish "anti-fascists" will be immediately aware. Bidney and his kind would never have been able to extract a confession from a self-confessed Nazi because their golden rule, indeed their only rule, is NO PLATFORM FOR "FASCISTS". This means any place at any time. No one but no one ever shares a platform with fascists. No one ever discusses anything with them, ideology or anything. Certainly they will recruit spies, informants, and, most of all, *agents provocateurs* - disgruntled "fascists" or out and out crooks like Ray Hill. Sometimes they will even pay them, but debate, discuss, talk? Never!

There are two real possibilities as to how Dukes came to make his confession. The first is that he approached Bidney and offered to sell him the information; the second is even more plausible, and far more alluring. We have already mentioned the fact that Bidney was a pimp. What we have not touched on, something that was probably not well known at the time but came out twelve years later, is that as well as a pimp, he was both a faggot and a paedophile.

In August 1977 after a ten week series of trials, Bidney was convicted of eight charges of living off immoral earnings and fined £1,600. (80) But, far more relevant, Bidney's employer, David Glen Calderhead, was jailed for 18 months and fined £4,000. He was said to have attempted "to procure a 16-year-old youth for his employee, Harold Bidney." (81)

The December 1986 issue of the National Front magazine *Vanguard* (already cited), claims that Bidney was a homosexual rapist who had a penchant for 13 year old boys of Nordic appearance whom he liked to sodomise to the tune of Nazi marching music. (82) This allegation may be unfounded, but the charge of paedophilia sticks. How does this fit in with Paul Dukes? We have seen that Dukes was a 19 year old of poor character, he had a conviction for larceny, and he was certainly of Nordic or *Aryan* appearance, otherwise he would never have joined the NSM. The most likely explanation is that Dukes met Bidney by a chance encounter in the seedy underworld of London's homosexuals. Don't forget, this was in an era before *gay* liberation, when homosexuality was still a criminal offence. Perhaps Dukes strayed into the *Coffee Pot* café in Soho which Bidney ran. Maybe he went there to buy drugs, and ended up selling his services. An equally likely explanation is that Bidney met Dukes in one of the more regular homosexual meeting places, a public toilet.

Whatever the truth of the above, there can be little doubt either that Dukes was well rewarded for his confession or that it was he who approached Bidney rather than Bidney who tracked him down. He received the lightest sentence of all the synagogue arsonists, six months. And he tried, unsuccessfully, to implicate Colin Jordan. This was almost certainly the reason the Board of Deputies were reluctant to endorse either Bidney or the 62 Group; they realised that Dukes' confession, though genuine, had been tainted, probably with the promise of Jewish money, in order to frame a totally innocent man. Mrs Jordan's testimony in no way implicated her husband - later her ex-husband - and it might wll have done as she certainly had an axe to grind, having both cuckholded him and been expelled from the party.

Gable's reference to Bidney "working his agents inside the far right" appears to have laid the groundwork for Gable's and *Searchlight's* own mischief-making, in particular, Dave Roberts, the dumb *goy* who was used by Gable and his fellow lowlife to build up Column 88 from a bunch of pillocks who liked to parade around in coal scuttle helmets and celebrate the birthday of their glorious Führer into an "underground army of 300 men and women" who could strike at "anti-fascists" with military precision. (83) Another *goy*, this time not so dumb, was Ray Hill, whose lies and fantasies may have exceeded even those of Gable. Hill may have been in the pockets of Organised Jewry from as early as 1975. Ultimately they will have got very poor value for money from this little scumbag, and are probably already regretting having made use of his services.

Gable makes yet another claim about his pimp friend and hero: "The earliest insight into the infiltration of the Tory Party and Monday Club in 1970 came via one of Harry's contacts." Is this, one wonders, a tacit admission that it was Bidney who was behind the scurrilous, anonymous pamphlet attacking the Monday Club that appeared in 1972? (84)

Gable's claim that there were sides to Harry that many people never saw or appreciated is thus exposed in its full glory, and a pretty disgusting sight it is too: pimp, pederast, paedophile and mischief-maker as well as thug. Gable's first recollection of Bidney is meeting him on the street when he, Gable, was twelve years old. Remember, Bidney told him to go home because he was too young to join in the attack on the *Aryan* scum which he and his co-racialists from the 43 Group were organising. But Gable, by his own admission, didn't go home that night. Then where did you go, Gerry? Home with nice Uncle Harry, perhaps?

The Truth About The Yeshiva Fire

This then is the story of Harry Bidney's involvement with the 1960s synagogue arsons. But in his *Jewish Chronicle* interview, Gable claims that he stood in the burnt out ruins of a yeshiva "and made a private vow to get the people who'd done that". A synagogue is not a yeshiva, and none of the synagogue arsonists was charged with murder or manslaughter. Was there a yeshiva fire, and if so, was anyone associated with Colin Jordan responsible? The answer is yes and no.

In November 1964, a good four months before the Brondesbury arson, the *Jewish Chronicle* reported that 15 year old Wolf Katz had died in a fire at the Mesifta College, Cazenove Road, Stamford Hill. (85) Another youth was seriously hurt. The cause of the fire was uncertain but a spokesman for the London Fire Service said there was no evidence of an incendiary device. Neither the police nor the fire service suspected arson. (86) The following week, an appeal was launched to rebuild the college, again, there was no suggestion of arson. (87) There were three reports in the *Jewish Chronicle* the following month, and again, there was no evidence of arson, although there were rumours. (88) It was reported though that there was evidence of substandard wiring. It was also claimed that the older students were allowed to smoke, but the blaze was still a mystery. (89) In the Christmas Day issue of the paper, it was again stated that there was no evidence of arson. (90) The authorities appear to have gone to some lengths to quash these totally unfounded rumours, statements to this effect were made by the local MP and by an Assistant Commissioner at New Scotland Yard. (91)

The question of the yeshiva fire was actually raised during the course of the synagogue arsons investigation. Detective Inspector Wickstead asked Trowbridge about it, and Trowbridge is said to have replied: "I swear to you, I know nothing of that fire. I would not set fire to anywhere where anyone was living." (92) Wickstead was obviously fishing or trying to put pressure on his suspect. Just as obviously he knew damn well that there was no evidence of arson at Cazenove Road, and, if he'd seriously suspected there was, he, or one of his junior officers, may well have induced one or more "confessions" from the suspects in Birmingham Six or Winston Silcott fashion.

But what about the rumours of the yeshiva fire being arson? They were totally unfounded. The reality is that rumours often are. The *Protocols of Zion*, one of the greatest literary frauds in history, has absolutely no basis in fact, as even arch-liar Gerry Gable will readily admit. Rumours start for all manner of reasons, including genuine misunderstandings and misinterpretations. Nevertheless, it goes without saying that in the case of the yeshiva fire, and in many cases of alleged anti-Semitic incidents, evil men and women, both Jew-haters and those who pose as friends of the Jewish people, start or wilfully endorse wild rumours with the intention of promoting mistrust and hatred between Jew and Gentile in the case of the former, and, in the latter, often as not, for financial gain. Anti-Semites are often sorely misguided people rather than evil ones; the youths who set these fires were, one would like to think, the former, along with their Führer Colin Jordan. Françoise Dior/Jordan on the other hand was a wicked if sad woman. But those people, Jews included, who pose as friends of the Jewish people for their own financial or political gain, are vile and contemptible beyond belief. And Gerry Gable is certainly one of these.

One last point about Gable's version of the yeshiva fire: "I stood in the burnt-out shell...at four in the morning..." You're a damn liar, Gerry. The alarm wasn't raised until after 4am! (93) So perhaps you went back at 4am the following morning when the last of the embers had burned out? I say again, liar, liar, and three times, damn liar. Crawl back down your "anti-fascist" hole, and don't try to contaminate the minds of your fellow men - Jew and Gentile - with your unconditional racial hatred. Ever again.

The Synagogue Arsons: Concluding Remarks

The 1960s arsons are mentioned briefly in Ray Hill's lie-ridden autobiography *The Other Face of Terror*. This book, allegedly co-written with Andrew Bell, contains large tranches which are obviously the work of Gable. Indeed, in the *Acknowledgments* Hill thanks Gable and co for the help [sic] they gave him from their "unique" archives. They certainly must be! On page 33, Hill writes of Colin Jordan: "His members had been organizing a campaign of arson attacks against Jewish synagogues. Dozens, mainly in London, were destroyed in an orgy of fire-raising, and NSM members later received hefty gaol sentences for their part in it."

One wonders why it was necessary to specify "Jewish synagogues"; are there any other kind? Dozens of synagogues were not destroyed, at least not by NSM members. The judge at the second trial referred to a total of nine attempts on nine synagogues, only one synagogue was destroyed; at the risk of boring the reader, we will itemise them again: Brondesbury, the first and only major fire. This synagogue was completely destroyed. Bayswater, damage £30. Borehamwood (Elstree); Clapton (Stoke Newington); Edmonton & Tottenham; Finchley Road; (94) Ilford; Leytonstone; and Maida Vale. Finally, there was Stanmore. This synagogue was not attacked because a dance was in progress when the would-be arsonists turned up to torch it. Obviously they didn't hate Jews so much that they were prepared to burn occupied buildings though doubtless they had many opportunities. I suppose in some bizarre way that can be said to be to their credit. They were not mainly in London, they were all in London, or at least the Greater London area. The reference to Borehamwood is curious because I could find no reference to this synagogue being attacked until the first gang had been convicted. (95) Whatever, I have listed the actual fires as Appendix A.

I make this a total of ten; only seven appear to have suffered actual damage. The fire at the Liverpool synagogue was not related to the London attacks in any way, nor were the fires in Dublin or Massachusetts. The unpleasant fact is that the world is full of bigots, and nutters. And liars, as both Hill and Gable well know. As to the NSM members receiving hefty gaol sentences, the stiffest sentence handed out was five years. In criminal parlance, the perpetrators "got a result". This is especially true for Sparks as he had a previous conviction for arson! (96) There were not thirteen convictions, as Gable claimed. There were eleven alleged members of the two gangs, one of them was acquitted. Dior/Jordan was also convicted. Eleven minus one plus one equals eleven. And John Tyndall was in no way connected with the National Socialist Movement at the time of these arsons.

Finally, this is a lie *Searchlight* has told before. In the May 1976 issue of Gable's error-prone magazine, page 2, it was claimed that Hugh Hughes was sentenced to six years for his role in the fires; he was actually sentenced to five years. Hughes was said to have been a serving member of the Welsh Guards at the time of the arsons. And "Jordan's Nazis" were said to have burned over 30 synagogues in the London area. Clearly this is not true, as we have emphatically demonstrated. In retrospect, considering the frequency, magnitude and sheer brazenness of *Searchlight's* and Gable's lies, it is a miracle that no one appears to have commented on them before. Hopefully, all that will change as of now.

The Rest Of Gable's Poison

We won't waste too much time on this. First, in the Harry Bidney obituary, Gable claims that after the war, fascists in the East End of London were permitted by the police to make highly inflammatory speeches, and that they attacked Jewish children on the streets. The question of exactly what constitutes an inflammatory speech is obviously subjective, but not so the alleged attacks by fascists on Jews. Any such attacks would surely have been recorded, especially if they were on children. So where is the documentation? Gable provides none for the obvious reason that he is lying through his teeth again. The current writer has had a fair amount of correspondence with the Mosley Archive of late (which is maintained by the Friends of O.M.), and I have been assured by them that these attacks are indeed another of Mr Gable's myriad fantasies. Another old chestnut (not alluded to here) is that a brick was hurled through a window by fascists and that this nearly killed a Jewish baby in its cot. Whether or not this is anti-*Aryan* hate propaganda or urban legend, no such incident ever happened, nor did these attacks which Gable alludes to in so cavalier a fashion.

The *Jewish Chronicle* article claims that Gable's predecessor Maurice Ludmer was once stabbed with a poison hat-pin! Surely this should read: "*Searchlight's* poisonous pricks!" This is the first reference the current writer

has ever found to such an attack on Ludmer, there was certainly no reference to any such incident in the July 1981 issue of *Searchlight*, which contained a lengthy hagiography of the recently departed saint. (97) This story has all the hallmarks of pure Gable-esque fiction.

Gable also reports that he has been assaulted in his career as an "anti-fascist" - which is undoubtedly true - and subjected to death threats - which again is true. One of these death threats came from "a member of the Conservative Party, he says." Why don't you name him, Gerry? For a very good reason, because if you do accuse the (now former) MP Gerald Howarth of plotting to murder you, he'll hit you with another libel writ so fast your feet won't touch the floor. Gable's malicious and totally spurious allegations against Gerald Howarth led to the satirical magazine *Private Eye* paying out substantial damages to several parties. (98)

Talking of *Private Eye*, in March 1991, this magazine published a letter from Michael Sherman of Western Goals Institute which claimed that Bidney had convictions for pimping and the homosexual rape of under-age boys, and that Gable had a conviction for burglary. (99) Gable responded indignantly that he had no conviction for burglary and the reason Bidney's *Searchlight* obituary made no reference to sex crimes against young men was because Bidney had "no such convictions". (100)

Both these claims are technically correct. Gable's 1964 conviction would today be called burglary artifice, and Bidney wasn't convicted of buggery, but he *was* convicted of pimping, and his employer *was* convicted of attempting to procure a youth for him. When Gable doesn't lie by the letter of the truth he lies by the spirit of it.

Finally, in the obituary article, Gable says that his pimp friend was "hated yet respected by the enemy". No, Gerry, he was not respected, he was simply hated, the same way you are hated, and for the same reason. People like Bidney, and like you, deserve to be hated, Jew or Gentile. The great pity is that the Bidneys and the Gables of this world appear not to be hated by the Jews, because these poor, gullible people don't realise how you and your kind exploit and manipulate them. They are actually so stupid as to believe you are on their side, that you are part of the cure, rather than the disease itself. Hopefully, all that will change as of now, because when this publication hits the streets, even your most dedicated admirers will realise that the truth which you acquire "at great personal risk and with meticulous and painstaking research" (101) is revered so much by you and your magazine that you both reserve its use for very special occasions.

Appendix A: Chronology Of The 1965 Arsons

November 10th, 1964: Mesifta Talmudical College fire, 15 year old Wolf Katz dies in this accidental blaze.
March 13th, 1965: Brondesbury Synagogue completely destroyed.
April 25th: Greenbank, Liverpool. Major attack but not related in any way to the London arsons.
June 4th: two incendiary bombs set off at Edmonton & Tottenham Synagogue in the early hours.
June 4th: Herbert Samuel Hall/New West End Synagogue, Bayswater. £30 damage caused.
July 8th: Maida Vale. Slight damage, arson not initially suspected.
July 9th: Aubrey Cadogan torches Palmers Green & Southgate Synagogue. Not related to the arson gangs.
July 30th: (date reported in the *Jewish Chronicle*). Shomrei Hadath, Finchley Road. Little damage.
July 31st: Clapton, Sha'are Shomayim, Lee Bridge Road, door set on fire, substantial damage, estimated at £1,000.
July 31st/August 1st: Ilford, Beehive Lane. Damage estimated at around £130.
October 27th: Paul Dukes appears before magistrates.
November 23rd: Aubrey Cadogan jailed.
February 15th, 1966: jailing of Hughes, Dukes and four others.
April 5th, 1966: jailing of second arson gang. Four convicted of starting seven fires.
January 17th, 1968: jailing of Mrs Jordan. 18 months for conspiracy to set fire to synagogues.

Appendix B: Gable's Lies Exposed In His Own Words

Arch-liar condemned out of his own mouth. Top left: what Gable told the *Jewish Chronicle*; top right: what he told *Searchlight's* readers. Bottom left: Gable didn't stand in "the burnt-out shell of that yeshiva at four in the morning" because the alarm wasn't raised until after 4am! In any case, the yeshiva fire was not part of any anti-Semitic campaign but was simply a tragic accident. Bottom right: the authorities went to considerable lengths to quash rumours of arson.

In the 1960s, he tracked down the racists behind an arson campaign against synagogues which had resulted in the death of a yeshiva student. The police caught no one, but his investigation yielded 13 convictions.

"I stood in the burnt-out shell of that yeshiva at four in the morning and made a private vow to get the people who'd done that," he recalls.

role. His greatest success came in the mid-60s with the arrest and conviction of 13 members of Colin Jordan's and John Tyndall's nazi groups for a series of synagogue arsons. Those convicted included Francoise Dior, Colin Jordan's former wife. Harry broke the gang by persuading one of its young members to give himself up to the police. At the Old Bailey the Judge at one of the three trials praised the work of Harry and his colleagues in stopping the arsonists — something the police had been completely unable to do for over a year.

Boy dies in London yeshiva fire

JEWISH CHRONICLE REPORTER

A 15-year-old student lost his life when fire destroyed the Mesifta Talmudical College in Cazenove Road, Stoke Newington, London, in the early hours of Tuesday. Another student was seriously injured when he jumped from the burning building.

The boy who died was Wolf Katz, of Stoke Newington, whom firemen found huddled in an upper-storey room of the college.

The student who jumped from a second-floor window was Judah Gottesman, of Clapton. He broke his leg and was unconscious when taken to Hackney Hospital in a police car. His condition was said yesterday to be improving.

It was shortly after 4 a.m. when shouts and cries for help from the students in the college were heard by neighbours in Cazenove Road.

NO INCENDIARISM AT YESHIVA

Jewish Chronicle Reporter

Fascists were not responsible for the fire which destroyed the Mesifta Talmudical College, Stamford Hill, last month, according to Scotland Yard.

Mr. David Weitzman, M.P. for Stoke Newington and Hackney North, told the JEWISH CHRONICLE that the Assistant Commissioner of the Yard had written to him that "there is no evidence that any form of pseudo-fascist or similar activity is present in the district."

Careful inquiries had revealed that there was no evidence of incendiarism in connection with the fire. Mr. Weitzman had been informed by a number of his constituents of rumours to this effect, and he had asked Scotland Yard to investigate.

Appendix C: A Copper For Your Thoughts

In 1985, the investigating officer in the synagogue arsons case published his autobiography. (102) Albert (Bert) Wickstead retired with the rank of Commander after a long and distinguished career. Wickstead's book, although not referenced is well written, and in spite of its title does not take liberties with the truth. One has the impression that it is as factually accurate as one could hope for from an autobiography. The chapter dealing with the arsons, and in particular Françoise Dior, is consistent with the story as related in the *Jewish Chronicle* and the rest of the press although there are a few minor inconsistencies, in particular Wickstead refers to a total of thirteen arsons but curiously does not mention the main one, Brondesbury.

He refers to Françoise Dior/Jordan as the Queen of the Nazis, which was apparently a gutter press sobriquet, and one later claimed by the National Front's Martin Webster. He correctly identifies her as the driving force behind the outrages and says that she was the most fanatically dangerous woman he had ever met.

The really interesting part though is Wickstead's account of how Dukes came to the attention of the police. Apparently Dukes picked up his conviction for possessing an offensive weapon at a fascist meeting in Dalston. He was fined. As well as being a member of the NSM, he had several Jewish friends. One is reminded here of Heinrich Himmler's quote about every German having his one good Jew, but it is more probable that Dukes didn't really understand Nazi ideology in all its murky details. He certainly didn't understand women because he was said to have had a Jewish girlfriend "whom he was anxious to impress". (103) And no woman, whatever her religion, is likely to be impressed by a pillock who stamps around in swastikas and jackboots in his leisure time, and torches her father's place of worship under cover of darkness.

According to Wickstead, it was this which led Dukes to confess to his involvement in the arsons. The girl's name is not given but she may well have been a relative of or associated in some way with Harry Bidney. Perhaps as well as raping blond *Aryan* boys he pimped out women of his own race, though personally I find Wickstead's explanation unconvincing, and still opt for the chance encounter of the *Aryan* arsehole and the Semitic snake in a public toilet.

Although Wickstead doesn't mention the 62 Group he does relate a not entirely convincing story about an unnamed group of Jewish heavies. They were said to have provided information about Dior/Jordan's inciting the fires; they were also have said to have had an agent working inside the NSM. Whatever, the facts as related by contemporary accounts do not tally with the Nazi-hunting fantasies of Gerry Gable, but this is nothing new.

One final point, the 1965 arsons get precious little mention in the 1966 issue of the *Jewish Year Book*; there are a few mentions in the chronology of the past year, but there is none of the usual whining and wailing, and, sadly, the death of Wolf Katz in the yeshiva fire doesn't even warrant a mention.

Update: The Further Lies Of Gerry Gable

Although the despicable attempts of Gable's hatemongering co-racialists to fit up the totally innocent Colin Jordan for these fires was an ignominious failure, that didn't stop them (and Gable) branding Mr Jordan an arsonist anyway. In 1973, a pamphlet was published by the (non-existent) Circle for Democratic Studies. Written by Julian Radcliffe and Leslie Wooler, *The Guide To Extremism In Britain* was said to have been the first in a series of booklets aimed at preserving Parliamentary democracy from those who would destroy it. (104) To the best of my knowledge, this was the only publication this "organisation" ever published.

I have no further information about Julian Radcliffe, but Leslie Wooler, who was a member of the Conservative Party, was also the Searchlight Organisation's first mole, before even Dave Roberts, (he of Column 88 "Nazi Underground" fame). In 1973, Wooler (aka Cooper) bluffed his way into the Monday Club, and about this time an anonymous, scurrilous pamphlet was published called *THE MONDAY CLUB A danger to British Democracy*. The innuendo behind this pamphlet - which is clearly recognisable as Searchlight's style - is that everyone on the right or who wants an end to immigration is a Nazi/genocidal maniac.

In *The Guide To Extremism In Britain*, page 13, it is inferred that (the unnamed) Joe Short was incited by Mr Jordan to set fire to the aforementioned Sheffield synagogue, while on the following page it is stated that "...plans to bomb and attack the Jewish community were hatched by Jordan, his wife and their SS Groups."

The same libels were published in the 1974 smear pamphlet *A Well-Oiled Nazi Machine*, which was written by Maurice Ludmer (who edited *Searchlight* until his death in 1981) and Gerry Gable, and in the April 1975 issue of *Searchlight*. It is of course no coincidence that *precisely* the same words were used by Ludmer and Gable as by Leslie Wooler.

Naturally, the principled CJ took umbrage and instituted legal proceedings to clear his name. (105) If he had sued for libel, he would have won hands down. Instead, he applied to the court for two writs of criminal libel, claiming, with no little justification, that these spurious allegations may have led to a breach of the peace - and thereby an assault on him. My own view is that this was nothing less than an incitement to violence against Mr Jordan. (Having been on the receiving end of such incitement and been assaulted as a result of it, I know what I'm talking about).

The judgment was delivered December 30, 1976, and the Birmingham magistrate ruled that the case should not be prosecuted, stating that people who engage in extremist politics ought to have thicker skins. However, he did say that the words were prima facie libellous, and ruled that both *A Well-Oiled Nazi Machine* and *Searchlight* were scurrilous and disreputable.

In the April 1993 issue of *Searchlight* (page 10), Gable repeated the fantasy that his gang - "Searchlight intelligence officers" - were responsible for solving the arsons. Here it was claimed that a total of 34 arson attacks had been perpetrated and that one of these had led to the death of a theological student - said to have been 19 years old - and the crippling of another. Again, the yeshiva fire was not arson but was simply a tragic accident. Members of the National Socialist Movement and the Greater Britain Movement were said to have been involved and to have been gaoled for up to six years. Again, the maximum sentence handed out was five years, and the people involved were all members and former members of the National Socialist Movement. There were, as stated, a number of minor copycat arson attacks, but the only substantial damage caused was at the synagogues as detailed, and no loss of life was involved. The arson attacks were further described in this article as centrally organised violence, and the "three commando units" responsible were said to have used stolen military equipment for their operations. Again, this is all fantasy, as is the reference to "Searchlight intelligence officers"; the real role of Harry Bidney was to attempt to frame Colin Jordan, and Gable didn't come into the picture at all.

In March 1994, the current writer published the first edition of this pamphlet. With as much stupidity as arrogance, Gable continued to repeat these libels against Mr Jordan and his fellow travellers. I say as much stupidity as arrogance because Gable has denounced my work as pure, unbridled anti-Semitica on a number of occasions. Clearly he hasn't bothered to read what I actually wrote!

His repetition occurred in the August 1994 issue of *Searchlight*. This was prompted by reports in the mainstream press that a postman had complained to an industrial tribunal of racial abuse. But, rather than being called a black b**** or some such unpleasant epithet, he had been branded a "Welsh sheepshagger" by his fellow workers! The postman in question turned out to be Hugh Hughes, he of the 1960s arsons fame!**

According to *Searchlight*, the American Nazi publication *New Order* had run a feature on Hughes a few months earlier in which he'd claimed that he'd had his confession beaten out of him by a senior police officer, whom he referred to as a "fat Jew". Hughes was said to have claimed also that Paul Dukes (named by Gable as Paul Duke), had been paid to give perjured evidence. Gable pointed out, correctly, that the officer concerned, Bert Wickstead, was neither Jewish nor in any way sympathetic to fascism. (106) He also stated that the claim Dukes had been bribed was nonsense; he had given evidence against Hughes because he saw this as "a chance to rejoin the human race". Leaving aside the fact that Gable obviously regards all *Aryan goyim* as little more than animals, this claim is probably spurious. Although there is no documentation available, it is almost certain that Dukes was offered some financial inducement to perjure himself in order to implicate the innocent Colin Jordan. Why else would he have done so?

In the same article, Gable (107) claims that "Searchlight investigators brought these criminals to justice after the police and Special Branch totally failed to get a result." You're lying again Gerry, I saw your lips move. Not only that but, "More than a year later, Searchlight also caught the person who inspired the attacks..." More lies, Mrs Jordan was "grassed up" by the young men she had seduced. And, "A young theological student was killed in one attack in north London and another crippled leaping from a blazing building. Hughes led these actions."

Although his character probably isn't worth much, Mr Hughes could equally probably sue Gable for libel. The implication is that the youth who died, Wolf Katz, and the survivor, Judah Gottesman, were the victims of separate fires. Again, this fire at the Mesifta College was *not* arson. And nor was the survivor crippled, because I spoke to him recently. He works as a shochet (ritual slaughterer) in Manchester, and although he told me he spent some weeks in hospital, and thirty years on his injured leg still gives him some trouble in the cold weather, he is in every other respect able-bodied.

Yet another libel against Colin Jordan appears in this issue. On the front cover, CJ, his wife and a number of other "Nazis" are seen giving the Nazi salute; this photograph is said to have been taken in 1966. It is captioned: *NAZI TERRORIST DUPES THE MEDIA*, an obvious reference to Hughes. Whatever his current political beliefs, the word terrorist is a bit strong, certainly as Hughes - as far as I know - has not been engaged in criminal activity since he was apprehended in 1965.

Be that as it may, it is claimed on page 2 that "*Jordan failed in an attempt to bring a criminal libel action against the late Maurice Ludmer, Searchlight's former editor, for publishing this photo of the nazi gang...*"

No Gerry, you damned liar. How would such a photograph be libellous? Possibly by implying that Mr Jordan is a Nazi, but since Mr Jordan has always shouted his Nazism from the rooftops - and still is to this day - that would hardly be likely. No Gerry, you lying scum and slime, Mr Jordan did not try to issue a writ for criminal libel in connection with this photograph, he tried to issue it because you and your hatemongering co-racialist the late and unlamented Ludmer accused him of being involved in an arson campaign, and what you would now have us believe was also a murder campaign. Crawl back down your hole, Gerry, and don't give us any more of your chutzpah.

Left: Gable - lied through his teeth to the *Jewish Chronicle*, the same way he lies to the "anti-*racist*" movement, "anti-fascists", the media, the European Parliament and all and sundry. Right: Bidney - thug, pimp, pederast, paedophile and Gable's hero. Did his "talk" with Dukes take place in a public toilet?

Notes And References

(1) *HARRY BIDNEY 1922-84*, published in *Searchlight*, September 1984, page 5. The article is unsigned but is obviously written by Gable. Rather than going to meet the angels, or whatever nice Jewish boys meet when they kick the bucket, Bidney will have gone straight to that other place.
(2) Harry Bidney obituary, (ibid).
(3) Among those who fought for Britain in order to make the world safe for hatemongers and liars like Gable to destroy our freedoms was A.K. Chesterton, founder of the National Front. Whenever Gable slags off this great British patriot he always portrays him as an anti-Semite above all else, neglecting totally Chesterton's post-war condemnation of Jew-hating, his partnership with the Jewish author Joseph Leftwich, and the fact that he also fought in World War I.
(4) Fascists were interned, not because they were pro-Nazi or a security risk, or even, in the case of IFL leader Arnold Leese, because they were anti-Jewish, but because they wanted to mind Britain's business and keep us out of a war which, in Gable's own words, killed fifty-three million people.
(5) Jewish thug Morris Beckman published the story of the 43 Group in 1992. * This book, which has a number of factual errors, is so candid that it is embarrassing. Beckman boasts of making unprovoked attacks on fascist meetings, and worse. For example, "By early summer 1946, between six and ten fascist meetings per week were being attacked by the Group." and "...a team of hard men would jump from taxis and demand the literature [from the fascist paper sellers]...Those who refused [to hand it over] were beaten up..." (page 30).
Beckman's book was glowingly reviewed in issue 4 of *Fighting Talk: The magazine of Anti-Fascist Action*, (undated but published cApril 1993). The reviewer heartily endorsed the "anti-fascist" violence and thuggery of Beckman and his gang.
* *The 43 Group: the untold story of their fight against fascism*, by Morris Beckman, published by Centerprise Publications, London, (1992), Foreword by Vidal Sassoon.
(6) Page 89, *THE BRITISH POLITICAL FRINGE: A Profile*, by George Thayer, published by Anthony Blond, London, (1965). According to this author, the 62 Group actually grew out of the initially non-violent Yellow Star Movement.
(7) *I AM NOT A FASCIST says author who was tricked by anti-Nazis*, published in the *Islington Gazette*, January 17, 1964, page 8.
Gable is named as a former member of this group of thugs in a number of places, for example, in *Lobster*, issue 12, undated but cDecember 1986, page 35.
(8) *Searchlight*, February 1991, page 20.
(9) Harry Bidney obituary, (op cit).
(10) *EXPOSING THE HATEMONGERS SEARCHLIGHT - Time to come out of the closet*, by A. Drummond, *A VANGUARD EXCLUSIVE*, published in *Vanguard*, December 1986, ISSUE No. 4, page 13.
(11) *...Time to come out of the closet*, (ibid).
(12) Harry Bidney obituary, (op cit).
(13) *Relentless searchlight on hunting the hated*, article/interview by David Winner, October 23, 1987, page 10.
(14) Harry Bidney obituary, (op cit).
(15) *Fire mystery still unsolved*, March 26, 1965, page 14.
(16) *Fire damages Liverpool synagogue*, April 30, 1965, page 1.
(17) It may be that some people regard those strange men with long, black beards in black hats and caftans as being in league with the Devil. This was the case in the Middle Ages - dress codes aside - certainly the Hassidim look sinister, but Beverley Allitt looked harmless. Never judge a book by its cover!
(18) *Jewish Chronicle*, April 30, 1965, page 1.
(19) Page 591, *TRAGEDY AND HOPE: A History of THE WORLD in Our Time*, by Carroll Quigley, Second Printing, Angriff Press, Los Angeles, (1974).
(20) *Synagogue attack in U.S.A.*, November 12, 1965, page 1.
(21) *Jewish Chronicle*, February 18, 1966, pages 1 and 13.
(22) *Jewish Chronicle*, February 25, 1966, page 25. When this case was first reported - in the February 11 issue, page 1 - it was said that (the unnamed) Clynes had been discharged from the British Army on medical grounds.
(23) *Director accused of synagogue fire*, November 19, 1965, page 16. The case of Aubrey Cadogan was in fact reported in considerable depth in several issues of the *Jewish Chronicle*, but we will not dwell on it here.

(24) *Five years' prison for Cadogan*, published in the *Jewish Chronicle*, November 26, 1965, page 16.
(25) *Cadogan refused leave to appeal*, published in the *Times*, March 25, 1966, page 7.
(26) *Security measures tightened*, April 30, 1965, page 1.
(27) *Bomb attacks on two synagogues*, June 11, 1965, page 1.
(28) *Fires in two London synagogues*, August 6, 1965, page 1.
(29) *Six accused of attack on synagogue*, November 5, 1965, page 1. Dukes had in fact been charged the previous week.
(30) *SYNAGOGUE FIRES 'GOOD IDEA'*, November 26, 1965, page 16.
(31) I have spoken to Mr Jordan on the telephone and corresponded with him. I had hoped that he would have been rather more cooperative but he is now over seventy years old and tells me that the demands on his time are so great that he always on principle refuses to give interviews. He probably feels too that he hasn't much time left and that he must carry out his own work as far as possible.
(32) *Jewish Chronicle*, November 26, page 16.
(33) *Trial for arson*, December 3, 1965, page 1.
(34) Sparks. Fire. Arson. Geddit?
(35) *SYNAGOGUE FIRES CHARGE*, published in the *Times*, February 9, 1966, page 5.
(36) The *Times* reported that four men were now pleading guilty, (*SYNAGOGUE FIRES DENIAL*, Saturday, February 12, 1966, page 6).
(37) The *Times*, February 9, 1966, page 5.
(38) *SYNAGOGUE FIRES: SIX GAOLED JUDGE'S COMMENT ON HATRED OF JEWS*, published in the *Times*, February 16, 1966, page 15.
(39) The *Times*, (ibid). Three reports were published in the February 18, 1966 issue of the *Jewish Chronicle*: *Five Years for arson ringleader*, page 1 was continued on page 13 as *SIX SENT TO PRISON*, and a separate article *WITNESSES IN ARSON CASE 'IN FEAR'*, appeared on the same page.
(40) *Jewish Chronicle*, February 18, 1966, page 13.
(41) *Deputies in storm over defence group*, page 1, continued on page 14 as *DEPUTIES IN STORM OVER DEFENCE*.
(42) Ibid.
(43) *62 Group answers Deputies*, March 4, 1966, page 11.
(44) *Jewish Chronicle*, March 18, 1966, page 16. Notwithstanding the damage done at Clapton and Ilford.
(45) Ibid.
(46) American researcher Laird Wilcox has recently launched an interesting *Hoaxer Project* which aims to document fraudulent racial incidents, including Zionist mendacity.
(47) *Two more charged*, February 25, 1966, page 14.
(48) *Youths remanded*, February 25, 1966, page 14.
(49) *FIVE ACCUSED OF ARSON*, March 4, 1966, page 16. All were remanded until March 4.
(50) *Penitent arsonists freed*, April 8, 1966, page 1.
(51) The *Times*, April 6, 1966, page 5. Out of a total of nine.
(52) *JEWS 'ASTONISHED' AT COURT'S LENIENCY*, published in the *Times*, April 16, 1966, page 5. The comment was from the Board of Deputies. This article reported that seven synagogues in the London area had been burned.
(53) *Jewish Chronicle*, March 25, 1966, page 1.
(54) *Deputies in storm over defence*, (op cit).
(55) *Daily Telegraph*, January 13, 1968, page 19. She also told the investigating officer that she would like to see them blown up by Act of Parliament! At her trial she would rationalise this by claiming that when the Jews had been expelled, all synagogues would be burnt because there would be no further use for them. Such buildings were "impregnated with evil". She really should have looked in the mirror. (*Guardian*, January 17, 1968, page 6).
(56) *The British Political Fringe*, Thayer, pages 13-4, (op cit).
(57) *NAZI COLIN TOLD: 'MARRIAGE IS OVER'*, by Aubrey Thomas, published in the *Daily Mirror*, January 7, 1964, page 1.
(58) *Jewish Chronicle*, August 11, 1967, page 15.
(59) *HITLER MY LEADER, SAYS MRS. JORDAN*, published in the *Daily Telegraph*, January 16, 1968, page 21. Jordan began her affair with Cooper after Christmas 1965, and went to France with him in March 1966. She was expelled while she was serving a four month prison sentence in Nice for decorating the wall of the British Embassy

with a 'Hitler was right' sticker, an incredibly severe sentence for such a trivial act of criminal damage. She had been married previously and had a child by her first husband.

(60) *Guardian*, January 16, 1968, page 4. [A note here on press reports. All or many of the main dailies have different editions; the *Guardian* for example has four: two published in London and two in Manchester. This story appears on the microfilm at the British Library Newspaper Library (Colindale) on page 4 under the title *Mrs Jordan claims that Hitler opposed burning of synagogues*. It was also published as *Jordan denies fire plot*, (page unknown - Wiener Library press cutting)].

(61) *Daily Telegraph*, January 13, 1968. page 19.

(62) *Jordan's wife on synagogue plot charge*, August 11, 1967, page 15.

(63) *Arson attempts on synagogue*, August 25, 1967, page 1.

(64) She said to have conspired with Thorne and Evans between May 1st and August 1st 1965 and to have incited arson between May 1st and July 14th 1965. See the *Guardian*, January 13, 1968, page 3.

(65) *Guardian*, January 18, 1968, page 3.

(66) *Daily Telegraph*, January 13, 1968, page 19.

(67) *Guardian*, January 18, 1968, page 3.

(68) Metaphorically! Not that any of this motley crew needed much seduction. Thorne told the police that Evans, Trowbridge, Hughes and himself had decided to burn the Brondesbury synagogue, while the Bayswater fire had been Evans' idea. Hughes was said also to have pushed burning rags through the letter box of a Jewish taxi driver. (*Jewish Chronicle*, March 18, 1966, page 16).

(69) *Daily Telegraph*, January 13, 1968, page 19.

(70) *JOE SHORT - THE ALBATROSS ROUND THE NECK OF THE BNP*, published in *Searchlight*, July 1982, issue 85, pages 6-7.

(71) Dave Roberts, who was later disowned by the *Searchlight* team. He was convicted of conspiracy to assault. See for example *Ex-Red 'acted as sleuth'*, published in the *Birmingham Post*, March 25, 1976, page 3.

(72) Ray Hill, *News of the World*, March 25, 1984, page 5.

(73) *Searchlight* 'researcher' Manny Carpel. See for example *Anti-racist jailed for press arson*, published in the *Jewish Chronicle*, April 24, 1981, page 9.

(74) *Sentences for synagogue fires*, published in the *Hackney Gazette AND NORTH LONDON ADVERTISER*, February 18, 1966, page 1.

(75) *Jewish Chronicle*, February 18, 1966, page 13.

(76) Dukes actually appeared at North London Magistrates' Court on Wednesday 27th October, *Jewish Chronicle*, October 29, 1965, page 1.

(77) In the *Daily Telegraph*, January 13, 1968, page 19, this officer is referred to as Detective Chief Inspector Wickstead; he was to retire with the rank of Commander. But more of him soon.

(78) *Jewish Chronicle*, February 18, 1966, page 13.

(79) *Jewish Chronicle*, August 6, 1965, page 1.

(80) *SOHO VICE BOSS JAILED*, published in the *Daily Telegraph*, August 6, 1977, page 3.

(81) *"DISGUSTING" VICE CHIEF IS JAILED*, by Neil Blincow, published in the London *Evening Standard*, (Closing Prices), August 5, 1977, pages 1 & 40.

(82) *...Time to come out of the closet...*, (op cit).

(83) According to *Forewarned Against Fascism*, May 1978, issue 3, page 2. This short lived magazine was run by another dumb *goy*, a *shikse* in this case, "anti-fascist" Daphne Liddle, a delightful lady who, according to someone who knows her very well, has a portrait of Stalin hanging over her bed. Dave Roberts was Mrs Liddle's live-in lover.

(84) *THE MONDAY CLUB A danger to British Democracy*. Supposedly 'Published in the Public interest', it was uncredited for a very good reason; this scurrilous 30 page pamphlet is libellous of many people. There are no indications as to who published it, but it has all the hallmarks of Gable's predecessor, arch-*Aryan*-hater Maurice Ludmer. The innuendo is that everyone on the right or who wants an end to immigration is a Nazi/genocidal maniac. Perhaps Bidney had a hand in this too?

(85) For the benefit of overseas readers, Stamford Hill has the largest colony of Orthodox Jews in Britain. And literally dozens of synagogues.

(86) *Boy dies in London Yeshiva blaze* and *Youth dies in London yeshiva blaze*, November 13, 1964, pages 1 & 16 respectively.

(87) *£100,000 APPEAL LAUNCHED TO REBUILD YESHIVA*, published in the *Jewish Chronicle*, November 20, 1964, page 13.

(88) *FIRE INQUEST RESUMED: rumours of arson but no evidence*, **published in the** *Jewish Chronicle*, **December 4, 1964, page 12.**
(89) *NO EVIDENCE OF ARSON AT YESHIVA FIRE: Coroner's verdict of accidental death*, **published in the** *Jewish Chronicle*, **December 11, 1964, page 15.**
(90) A rabbi who grew up in the area told the current writer that the yeshiva had been in a pretty dilapidated state and that a party had been held there the previous night.
(91) *NO INCENDIARISM AT YESHIVA*, **published in the** *Jewish Chronicle*, **December 25, 1964, page 10.**
(92) *Jewish Chronicle*, **March 18, 1966, page 16.**
(93) *Jewish Chronicle*, **November 13, 1964, page 1.**
(94) Erroneously given as Finchley by the *Times*.
(95) In the March 18, 1966 issue of the *Jewish Chronicle* **Hemsworth was said to have admitted taking part at in an attack on Borehamwood synagogue, but an extensive search of the paper for the entire period turned up no report of an attack.**
(96) *SIX SENT TO PRISON*, **(op cit). He was said to have set fire to a caravan; perhaps he didn't like gypsies either. But then who does?**
(97) Ludmer died of a heart attack on May 14th, 1981. His lengthy obituary reports that he was "seriously injured on at least two occasions" but contains no mention of a hat-pin. One might also ask why they couldn't have been more specific about how many times he had been injured.
(98) See *Private Eye*, **May 29, 1987, page 8; December 22, 1989, page 6; and June 7, 1991, page 7 for the truth about this outrageous libel against Mr Howarth and others.**
(99) *Search Me!*, **March 1991, issue 762, page 14.**
(100) *Searchlight*, **a letter published in** *Private Eye*, **March 15, 1991, issue 763, page 15.**
(101) Gable interview, (op cit).
(102) *GANGBUSTER: Tales of the Old Grey Fox*, **by Bert Wickstead, published by Futura, London, (1985).**
(103) Page 56, (ibid).
(104) Page 24 of the *GUIDE TO EXTREMISM IN BRITAIN 1973 EXTREME RIGHT*, **compiled by Julian Radcliffe and Leslie Wooler, published by the Circle for Democratic Studies, Croydon, (1973).**
(105) The Wooler pamphlet does not appear to have come to Mr Jordan's attention.
(106) Shortly before I had completed the first edition of this pamphlet I saw ex-Commander Wickstead on a TV programme. I wrote to him care of the Police Pensions Department to ask if I might interview him in connection with the synagogue arsons case, but although my letter was definitely forwarded, he didn't reply.
(107) This article is unsigned, but it was obviously written by Gable as he is, as far as I know, the only member of the Searchlight team who was active in London in the 1960s. He is also by far the most senior member of the organisation.

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